

WILLINGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



February 2006

Two Decades of Willingham Gardening Club

It seems amazing that Willingham Gardening Club is now 20 years old. While similar clubs in other villages are closing down or running with very small numbers, we still boast a membership of more than 80 and offer a full programme of speakers, garden outings and the annual holiday as well as the Willingham Horticulture and Craft Show.

The club was formed in October 1985 and the first meeting was held on the second Thursday in January 1986, with the first AGM in March of that year. The annual subscription was set at £3.00, although this was raised to £5.00 in 1988 and to £6.00 in 1991 with reductions for senior citizens, before being set at £5.00 for all members in 1993 - which is what it is today. There cannot be many instances of prices that have remained the same for the past 12 years, or any better value for money.

The first chairman to be voted in at the 1986 meeting was Lyn Curtis, who, although she is no longer on the committee, remains very active in the club and the Horticultural Show. Tony Halsey, who has been Chairman since 1991, is the only member still on the committee since that meeting in 1986.

The gardening club membership is drawn primarily from the village, although we welcome members, guests and friends from outside the village to join in our activities and outings and to enter flowers, plants, produce or crafts in the Horticultural

Show. The show has been a regular feature of the first Saturday in September for many years and has raised thousands of pounds for charity. It is a busy day for the competitors and helpers alike, starting at 8.30 am with staging the entries and going through until about 5 o'clock for the Auction of Produce and the Grand Draw, followed, of course, by the grand clear up. If you haven't been to the show and auction yet, make a date to come along this year - there are some great bargains and all the profits go to Cancer Research.



Members of the Gardening Club on holiday in Shropshire

Another opportunity to find some bargains and perhaps get some free gardening advice from club members is the annual plant sale. This is held in the High Street, next to the Post Office. Watch out for details of the time and date in Willingham Parish Magazine.

We no longer meet on the second Thursday, but the first

Monday of every month in the Social Club. Meetings start at 7.30 pm and the £5 membership covers the entrance to the meetings, a members' evening outing in August and a Christmas Party with entertainment and supper at the December meeting - and all for £5.00 a year!

The new membership year starts in April and let's hope that this will be the start of another 20 years.

Come along and join us. You will be made very welcome.

Linda Horne

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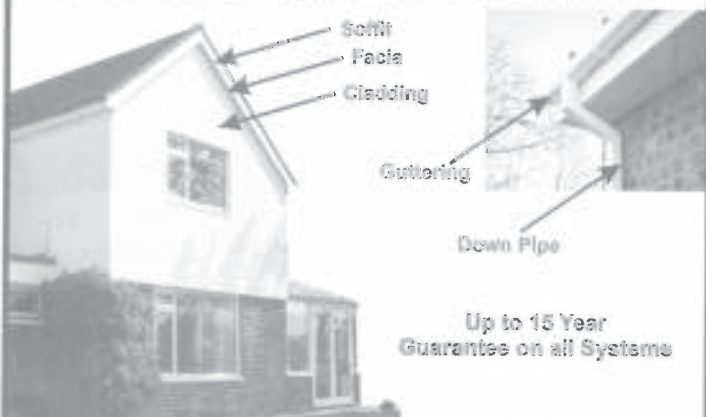
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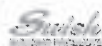


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From the Parish Council

Christmas lights

We hope you enjoyed the new Christmas lights on the Green!

Next Parish Council meetings

The next full Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1 February, as usual at 7 30 pm, in Willingham Primary School, Thodays Close. The agenda will be posted on the notice board outside the Public Hall in the High Street, and in the Library.

The next Committee meetings are:-

- Planning Committee Tuesday 14 February (agenda posted 8 Feb)
- Cemetery, Green & Boundaries Wednesday 22 February (agenda 16 Feb)
- Leisure & Amenities and Public Hall Monday 27 February (agenda 21 Feb)

All these are at 7 30 pm in the Parish Council Office at the Ploughman Hall.

Planning applications can be viewed from 7 15 – 7 30 pm on 14 February, or by appointment with the Clerk when the office is open (please phone in advance for an appointment).

Council meeting agendas also include a slot for members of the public to speak.

Minutes of past meetings of Committees and the full Council are available for view in the Library.

Housing and Parish Council 'Surgeries'

There will be a joint 'surgery' with the Housing Advice Centre on 1 February, 10 am to 12 noon, at the Baptist Church in George Street, where you can bring any questions or concerns you may have about village matters. The Parish Council would still like to know if people would find a different time or venue to hold these 'surgeries' more acceptable.

Police Community Support Officer



The new Police Community Support Officer, John Mason, started work at the beginning of January. He has already been on patrol around the village a number of times. Do make him welcome if you see him, and let him know of any public order, crime, or traffic concerns you may have. He is out and about much of the time in one of the four villages he covers (Over, Swavesey and Longstanton as well as Willingham) but

messages can also be left for him via the Police Customer Service Centre on 08454-564-564, or via Community Beat Manager Alison Jones's E-mail, alison.jones@cambs.pnn.police.uk. The E-mail address for the new PCSO is john.mason@cambs.pnn.police.uk, and he has a publicly-available mobile number: 07921-938051.

Cycle theft

The police have asked us to pass on the information that they have recovered many stolen bicycles in police operations over the past few weeks, which are so far unclaimed. If you have reported your bicycle as stolen, the cycle store at Parkside Police Station in Cambridge is well worth a visit, or a phone call via 08454-564-564. The Cambridgeshire Constabulary website www.cambs.police.uk also has details of recovered cycles, but allow for some delay in entering recently-recovered bikes on to the site. NB:- The police do not have space to keep stolen cycles indefinitely; they keep them for a month and then if they are not claimed they send them off for auction; so do keep checking if you have lost a bike recently. (To check on cycles for sale, go to www.auctions.freemove.co.uk or E-mail cambsauctions@yahoo.com.)



The police advise owners of cycles to keep a record of identifying details: make, model, colour and (most importantly) frame number, in case of theft. Finally, they stress that if you have a bicycle stolen, it is always worth reporting this to the police (giving all these details especially the frame number). They do stop people on bikes they suspect are stolen, and all too often have the frustration of having to let them go if they do not have a report of those thefts.

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The Clerk is in the Office on Monday and Friday mornings – note: Friday now – from 9 am to 12 noon, and on Wednesday afternoons from 1 30 to 4 30 pm. Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

Cambridgeshire County Council – B1050/Hatton's Road Junction

The County Council reports that the works at this junction and at Bar Hill are running one week ahead of schedule and are due to finish by the end of March. The works are part of a scheme to reduce the number of accidents at the junction, which has one of the worst accident records in the County. It should also reduce congestion.

When work started in November there were initial problems with traffic congestion, and it was therefore agreed that the early parts of the roadworks would be carried out by different methods and that the contractors would work through the night on several occasions.

To make the connections from the existing road to the new roundabout, the A 14 eastbound off-slip will be closed for two weekends between Saturday 4 February and Monday 6 March. It is expected that the work will be undertaken from 8 00 pm on the Saturday until 6 00 am on the Monday. The dates will be published nearer the time on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hattonroad or by calling 01223 718362. A diversion will be in place via the Oakington off-slip on the A 14 eastbound, and back on to the A 14 westbound.



Wall Paintings – Stop Press!



If you attended the talk on the medieval wall paintings in the Parish Church in January, and would like a guided floodlit tour of them as a follow-up, look in the March magazine. A tour is being planned.

Wanted

A 4 drawer lockable filing cabinet in good condition. If you have one you would like to sell or donate, please contact Honeypot Pre-school on 201567 or Nicola Diogenous (Chairperson) on 203701.

Crossword Solution

Across: 1 Thomas Hardy, 9 Abdominal, 10 Flu, 11 Bacon, 13 Tarnish, 14 Author, 15 Refuse, 18 Bucolic, 20 Bated, 21 Roy, 22 Portrayal, 24 Emily Bronte.

Down: 2 Hod, 3 Memento, 4 Sonata, 5 Adler, 6 Difficult, 7 Ray Bradbury, 8 Ruth Rendell, 12 Cataclysm, 16 Embargo, 17 Scarab, 19 Lapel, 23 Yet.



Collection Dates

Wednesday 1 February	Green bin and green box
Wednesday 8 February	Black bin
Wednesday 15 February	Green bin and green box
Wednesday 22 February	Black bin
Wednesday 1 March	Green bin and green box

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Longstanton surgery open

Our long awaited branch surgery in Longstanton opened to the public on 3 January and is already proving to be very busy, which shows that there was definitely a need for the service. This new surgery should also help to relieve the pressure on the main surgery in Willingham. There have been some initial problems with the computer links to the main surgery which meant that for the first few days we were unable to book appointments there and prescriptions were delayed. However we hope that the problems are now resolved and things will run more smoothly now.

We held an Open Morning for villagers on 7 January which was very popular and we had a very positive response. Patients were shown around the new facilities. At the moment it is very new but we will gradually add more homely touches with pictures of the local area and I am sure it will soon feel owned by 'Longstantoners'. All four doctors and nurses will hold one surgery session per week at Longstanton.

We are sorry that we are unable to continue our weekly session at the Dale Community Centre but we do have to consider the whole village. Any older people who are unable to get to the new branch surgery can request a visit from the doctor as has always been the case. Repeat medication will now be sent to the new branch surgery for collection during opening hours or you can choose to collect your medicines from the Willingham surgery which is open later in the evenings. An information letter has been sent with all medicines over the last month but if anyone needs further details please contact us.

Computer problems in Dispensary

We would like to thank you all for your patience during the recent problems we were experiencing with our new computer system which has been installed to provide links to the new branch surgery. As often happens with



computer upgrades there were some 'teething problems'. This caused major disruption to the work in the dispensary and as a result a few prescriptions were not ready for collection as speedily as usual. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Lucky Squares

We raised a **Grand Total of £290 in aid of MAGPAS**. We would like to thank everyone who donated prizes or bought lucky squares. A full list of prizewinners is available in reception.

Willingham Surgery Slimming Clinic

Please note the **new times of 3 00-4 00 pm and 6 00-7 00 pm on Wednesdays**. Why not come along and lose some weight with a healthy nutritional diet and individual chats with Karen? Great value at £1.50 per session - proceeds to the Surgery Equipment Fund.



Flu vaccinations

These are still available. Please ring for details.

Thank You to Kath Cole and family for their Christmas donation to the Surgery Equipment Fund in memory of Roland.

Cynthia Bidwell
Practice Manager

The surgery and dispensary are normally open as follows:		
Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 4 00 5 00 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00



WAMADS – 30 years on

Cinders Shall go to the Ball



Miss Mabb, Fairy Fay and Rudolph in the Magic Shop



Cinderella, The Prince and Dandini



Finale



Cinderella (Sophie Count)

It was a fitting tribute to 30 years of WAMADS that this year's pantomime repeated the shows of 1976 and 1986 when *Cinderella* was also on the bill. The show used an updated version of the original script and was directed and stage managed by the same team as in 1986; well done to Amy Robinson and Keith Hodkinson, as well as the cast, chorus and backstage crew. Other major parts were played by Kevin Webb – a splendidly sinister Rudolf, David Byers as Baron Hardup, Katie O'Mally as the

Prince, Jenny Lee as Dandini and Claire Hockin as Fairy Fay.

Of course all the shows that WAMADS put on rely on a big team effort from behind the scenes as well as those brave enough to tread the boards. Rehearsals are just getting under way for the spring production of *'Outside Edge'* and following that there will be a supper evening in the summer. If you'd like to join in the fun, do come along to the Public Hall on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Whatever your skills are you will get a very warm welcome.



Rudolph in disguise



Honeypot News

Nativity Play

Thanks to the hard work of the staff, once again the children put on a wonderful play to audiences on two days. Well done to all the children who took part, you were great!

Thank you for donations of £32.75 given at the dress rehearsal. Thanks also to Mr Beauchamp for recording and editing the play.

Christmas Party

To round off the year, the children enjoyed festive fun including a magician, games and food at their party.

Nearly New

We will be holding a Nearly New sale of baby and children's equipment, toys, clothes, books, videos etc. This will be on Saturday 25 February 2006, 10 30 am – 12 00 noon at the Ploughman Hall. This is a good time to have a clear-out and make some money from those outgrown clothes and toys. To register as a seller contact Hayley Hackney on 260347. To register as a seller costs £2, with 20% commission on all items sold going to Honeypots. Items would need to be dropped off at the Ploughman hall on Friday 24 February evening from 8 30 pm – 9 30 pm. Entrance is 20p per adult; children are free.



Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Library Opening Times



Monday*	6 00 pm	-	8 00 pm
Tuesday	3 00 pm	-	5 30 pm
	6 00 pm	-	8 00 pm
Wednesday	Closed		
Thursday	3 00 pm	-	5 30 pm
	6 00 pm	-	8 00 pm
Friday	11 00 am	-	1 00 pm
	3 00 pm	-	5 30 pm
Saturday	10 00 am	-	12 30 pm

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In the year ahead Cambridgeshire County Council anticipate a 'huge' gap between what is needed to maintain existing services and what is likely to be available. Some of the smaller libraries could be at risk. The viability of a library is largely measured by the number of people who use it, so you can help to make sure that Willingham Library is in a strong position by walking through the door and sampling not only the range of books that can be borrowed or ordered, but also the free internet access, useful reference works and wide range of local information, in a warm friendly atmosphere.

Letter from Kate Brookes

Hello Willingham!

Paul, Carlo and I enjoyed Christmas in Willingham, and it was lovely to catch up with friends in St Mary's. This April will mark our 10th wedding anniversary - and also the beginning of my second decade living away from the village.

There are many new faces at St Mary's now, and when I look at old photographs I am reminded of those no longer with us. I half expect Willingham to stay frozen in time, like Brigadoon, but of course this is not the case, and change sneaks in between our visits. When we came down for Christmas, I tried to guide our taxi driver from Bar Hill through Longstanton, but got totally confused - where have the fields gone? It is actually cheaper for us to taxi from where we live to Willingham, and of course, much quicker; 2 ½ hours by taxi, OR 8 hours by train, with several changes, and nowhere for Carlo to put his paws!

Talking of Carlo, this year, 2006, is the 75th anniversary of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Pastoral Letter

Respect? What does it mean for us in Willingham?

There is much talk about respect in these days. I imagine it's because many of us sense that things aren't quite what they used to be. Our society is changing rapidly and often seemingly for the worse. Actor David Oyelowo, star of the TV series 'Spooks' recently made the point that 'respecting others is the cornerstone of a healthy society'. The Government's Respect website (www.respect.gov.uk) states 'Respect cannot be learned, purchased or acquired - it can only be earned'. Respect is about tolerance, acceptance and showing common decency to our fellow human beings - all this seems reasonable and desirable.

Although, I'm not so sure about that statement that 'Respect cannot be learned'? ASBOs, curfews and tougher prison sentences probably all have their place as we tackle crime in our communities but I question whether they are the answer in the longer term. I'd like to suggest that 'Respect' CAN be learned and that we need to get to grips with our need to teach it in our families, in our homes. Our urgent need is to educate the adults of the future, only then will we turn the tide. At a recent Sunday morning service we reflected on the words printed below as we considered how the smallest and simplest of positive actions can often have a massive impact. Have a read and ask how they might encourage you and those around you to learn more about respect, truly valuing your fellow human beings:

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly, and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I saw you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss, and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would videotape each word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say 'I love you', instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can just let this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we will always get a second chance to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say our 'I love you', and certainly there's another chance to say our 'Anything I can do?'

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike. And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight...

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss, and you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say 'I'm sorry', 'please forgive me', 'thank you' or 'it's OK'. And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

Every Blessing

Jonathon

Pastor

Willingham Baptist Church (www.willinghambaptist.org)



Events at the Churches

Baptist Matters

Meeting Point will be held on Monday, 6 February at 2 30 pm in the rear hall of the Baptist Church when a DVD of the Christian Blind Mission will be shown. Everyone welcome.

Rendezvous will meet on Monday, 20 February at 2 30 pm in the rear hall of the Baptist Church. The speaker will be Mr Geoffrey Heathcock of Cambridge who will be telling us about the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. All welcome.

Film Show is on Friday, 10 February at 7 30 pm in the rear hall of the Baptist Church.



The main feature will be the 1965 British slapstick comedy spectacular *'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines'*, with a host of well known stars and comedians. It will be presented in Cinemascope, colour and stereosound. Plus a Movietone news of that same year in colour and widescreen. Admission free - optional retiring collection for the Baptist Church Improvements.

Open Door. Come for coffee (or tea) and a chat on Thursday mornings in the Baptist Church from 10 00 - 11 30 am. Everyone very welcome.

Bumps and Babies meet on Thursday mornings from 10 00 to 11 30 am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church during term time. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a chat and a coffee while the babies play. Do come along and join us.

TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist

Church during term time. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers for fun activities and refreshments. Please come along and join us.

Salvation Army

Monday Coffee Morning

On Mondays coffee is available from 10 30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday Lunch and Friendship Club

meets every Thursday. Lunch is at 12 30, followed by the Friendship Club at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome.



For information, telephone Gordon Spackman on 01954 260066.

Parish Church

Mothers' Union next monthly meeting will be on Monday 27 February at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our Rector Geoff Turner will be giving us a talk. All are welcome to join us. If you need transport please let me know. Ring 260688.

Bubbles

Bubbles takes place every Friday during term time.

Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 30 to 11 45 am. For more details contact Jackie Dean on 01223 575698



Coffee Stop

Every Tuesday morning from 10.00 to 11 30 am you are welcome to drop in to the Octagon for coffee or tea and a chat. There is always a welcome, and no formality - just walk in.

Restoration Appeal Come to a Ceilidh

Invitation to a Charity Ceilidh on Saturday 25

February from 7 30 to 11 00 pm in the Ploughman Hall. This will be a



friendly family occasion - 'a homespun Scottish Ceilidh'. The evening will include familiar dances such as Dashing White Sergeant, and a waltz or two as well.

It is organised by John Mullett, in aid of the Restoration Appeal. The charge is £5 (under 18s £2.50) - money collected on the door. Bring a plate of finger food, sweet or savoury, which will be shared during a break in the evening, and bring your own drink.

Cakes

The cake stall resumes on Saturday 4 February. It takes place on the first Saturday of each month, and is an important source of income for the Restoration Appeal - as well as being a very popular source of excellent cakes! They are produced, with unfailing regularity, by a dedicated team. If you would like to join it, Joyce Bowen would be delighted to hear from you (telephone 01954 261075).

Bric-a-brac

Another important source of income is Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall at 19 Fen End. She is always keen to welcome buyers, and bringers of goods for the stall. It is definitely worth a visit.

Towards the end of 2005 work on the stone sacristy - the chapel to the north east side of the church - was finished. There is still work to do - on the organ and on the north aisle roof.

For more information about the Restoration Appeal, contact Bill Kirkman (01954 260393).

Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton

Services at the Churches during February

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Apart from our All Age services (usually the 3rd Sunday of each month) a Sunday School takes place each week at the same time as the morning service. A crèche is also provided at each of our morning services.

5 Feb	10 00 am	Morning Service – Communion
	3 30 pm	Songs of Praise followed by tea
12 Feb	10 00 am	Morning Service
	6 00 pm	Evening service
19 Feb	9 00 am	Morning Service (refreshments are available between the two services from 10 05am to 10 40am)
	10 45 am	All Age Family Service
	6 00 pm	Evening Service
26 Feb	10 00 am	Morning Service
	6 00 pm	Evening Service - Communion & Prayer Focus

www.willinghambaptist.org

We're pleased to say that our new website is now up and running. Why not take a look and find out what is going on at your local Baptist church?

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

5 Feb	11.00 am	Parish Communion
12 Feb	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Family Praise
19 Feb	11.00 am	Parish Communion
26 Feb	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 am	Family Praise

Thursday Praise is a service for those who cannot get to church on Sunday, or who prefer a less traditional service. It takes place on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, at the parish church. In February the dates are Thursday 9 and Thursday 23. If you would like to know more, phone Sue West on 01954 260409.

For Children we now offer children's facilities at all our 11 00 am services. Even if they are too young to crawl, there is a place for them in **Caterpillars**. For children from pre-school upwards **Young Idea** gives them a share in our services and time out for their own activities.

If you know of anyone who is ill, or for some other reason would like a visit, please let the Rector know. Telephone 01954 261225.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGH STREET RAMPTON

5 Feb	9 30 am	Parish Communion
12 Feb	9 30 am	Parish Communion
19 Feb	9 30 am	Parish Communion
26 Feb	9 30 am	Parish Communion

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

5 Feb	10 30 am	Envoy Bobby Dougherty
	5 00 pm	Mark and Dawn Anderson
12 Feb	10 30 am	Bill Matthews
	5 00 pm	Major Alison Thompson
19 Feb	10 30 am	John Porter
	5 00 pm	Faith Turner
26 Feb	10 30 am	John Field
	5 00 pm	Majors Peter and Iris Leech

Churches Together praying for the people of Willingham and Rampton

In the second full week in each month the Churches in Willingham and Rampton will be praying for the people who live in a particular area of the village. In February this is Church Street, Church Lane, Lacks Yard, George Street, Ravens Yard, Loves Lane, Pound Lane.

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on 13 February at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.



Karen Olden will speak on: *Magnotherapy: natural pain relief for people and animals.*
Competition: Bring your favourite pudding.
Visitors welcome.

Willingham Gardening Club

The next two meetings are:

Monday 6 February – P Heavons,
'A beginner's look into Fuchsias'

Monday 6 March – Jenny Eldrich,
'Wild Flowers of East Anglia'

Reminder – subscription renewal is at the March meeting.

Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs A Robinson at 15 a High Street, at 1 00 pm on Saturday 11 February. The lunch costs £3 and consists of a choice of soups, cheese, etc. The money raised is donated to a good cause, that this year will be the Air Ambulance Service. Do join us and enjoy the social occasion and at the same time raise money for this valuable service.



Note from the Editor



Would any budding writers like to submit an article/short story for publication? Does anyone have an interesting point of view on a topic? An interesting job or hobby they would like to share with us? Or just a reflection on life in general. Articles should be a maximum of 500 words. We look forward to hearing from you.

A Comment on the world we live in

Obituary for Mr Sense:

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr Common Sense. Mr Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer

aspirin to a student; but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot; she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on; if not, join the majority and do nothing.

A contribution from a reader of the Magazine

Ode To A Dogwalker

I am a little baby,
not yet a whole year old.
I am so very special
to my parents I am told.

I'm starting to take tiny steps
and practise every day.
I regularly fall over,
but it is the only way.

We walk along Long Lane
on our way up to the school.
My brother goes there every day
to the Honeypot Preschool.

Our journey is a risky one
as rushing cars go by.
We totter along the pavements
dodging dog-poo and wonder why.

Is it so very difficult
to carry a poo-bag
and pick it up once deed is done,
whilst doggies tails do wag?

It is so very smelly
and not at all nice,
if you get some on your wellie
its everywhere in a trice.

My Mummy has a worry
that I may trip or fall,
and in the dog-poo land,
with hand, fingers, face and all.

This may sound light hearted
but on a serious note,
dog-poo may harbour toxoplasmosis,
a serious illness may result.

There is a risk to all young children
and pregnant women too.
This can result in foetal damage
And make little ones very ill too.

So please think of me
as you take your pooch for a stroll,
I will be following later
And will no doubt take a roll!



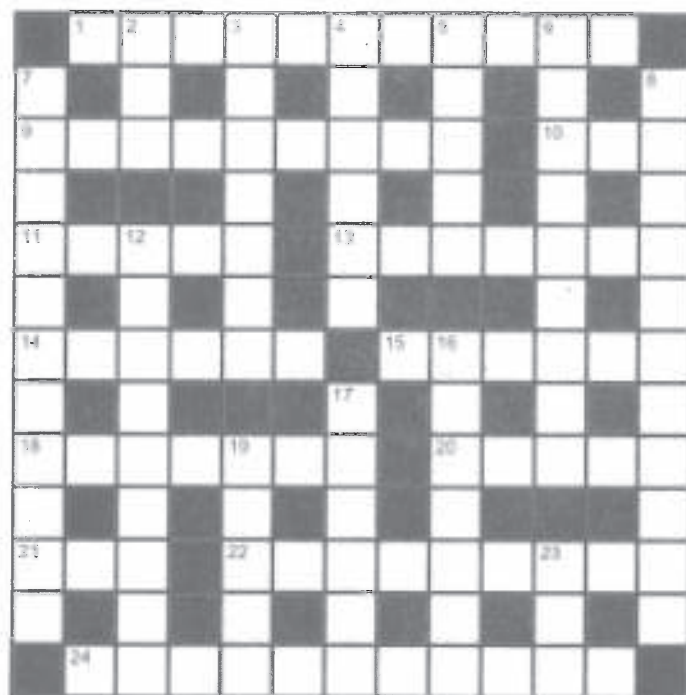
Crossword by Willow

Across

- 1 Unusually hot month when sound produces 14 (6,5)
- 9 Of lower part of main body cavity (9)
- 10 Fever rose, we hear (3)
- 11 English 14, lawyer, statesman, essayist, historian and ham (5)
- 13 Take the shine off (7)
- 14 Penman confuses Utah with Oregon (6)
- 15 Say "no" to rubbish (6)
- 18 Concerned with the countryside (7)
- 20 Held as in breath (5)
- 21 14 Arundhati (3)
- 22 Description of sunlight in the doorway (9)
- 24 14 working nib remotely (5,6)

Down

- 2 Brick carrier (3)
- 3 Souvenir of me twice not getting lost! (7)
- 4 Beethoven's moonlight piece (6)
- 5 Harmonica player Larry (5)
- 6 Trying to be hard? (9)
- 7 Fahrenheit 451 14 (3,8)
- 8 Durrell then trained another 14 (4,7)
- 12 Disaster of enormous proportions (9)
- 16 Prohibit move after amber changes (7)
- 17 Ancient Egyptian sacred beetle; symbol of life and rebirth (6)
- 19 Part of jacket (would have been big in the 70s!) (5)
- 23 But crime 14 Josephine's back (3)



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Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
February				
1	Monthly Meeting	Parish Council	Primary School	(7 30 pm)
6	Talk	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
10	Storytime for under 5s	Cambridgeshire Libraries	Library	11 30
11	Saturday Charity Lunch		15a High Street	
13	Women's Institute Meeting		Social Club	7 30 pm
14	DEADLINE FOR PARISH MAGAZINE ARTICLES			
25	Charity Ceilidh	Parish Church Restoration Cttee	Ploughman Hall	7 30 to 11 00
25	Nearly New Sale	Honeypot Preschool	Ploughman Hall	10 30 to 12 00 Hayley Hackney 260347
March				
6	Talk	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
May				
20	Duck Race Day	Parish Church	Recreation Gound	2 - 5 pm

Do let us have dates of forthcoming events

Willingham FC 2006 Fixtures

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11/2/06	H V Ely City Res
18/2/06	H V Comberton UTD
25/2/06	A V Castle Camps
4/3/06	H V Fulbourn Ins Res
11/3/06	H V Cherry Hinton
18/3/06	A V Comberton UTD
25/3/06	
1/4/06	A V Haddenham Rovers
8/4/06	H V Great Chesterford
15/4/06	A V Ely City Res
19/4/05	H V Sawston UTD Res
22/4/06	A V Milton
29/4/06	
6/5/06	A V Great Chesterford

Reserves

A V Exning Athletic
A V Barton Mills Res
A V Milton A
H V Sutton UTD Res
A V St Ives Town A
A V Ely Crusaders Res
H V Pymore
A V Wicken Amateurs
H V Haddenham Rovers Res
A V Sutton UTD Res
H V Wisbech St Marys Res
A V Burwell Swifts
H V Milton
H V Exning Athletic



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Council	Parish Council			01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman		Mrs S Auger	01954 260567
	Planning Committee Chairman		Mr P King	01954 260780
	County Councillor		Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor		Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor		Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor		Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police			0845 456 4564
	Surgery			01954 260230
	Pharmacy			01954 260073
	Over Surgery			01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help			01223 464242
Schools	Primary School			01954 283030
	Cottenham Village College			01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton		01954 202185
	School Association		Mr Robert Clark	01954 260775
	British School Trust		Mr D.Young	01954 200561
Children	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)			01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers		Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School			01954 260046
	Teeny Babies		Anita	07830 244742
	2nd Brownies		Mrs G Balaam	01954 260126
	Geoff Bailey Dancers		Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Tiny Toes (Baby Ballet)		Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles		Mrs J Dean	01223 575698
	Bumps and Babies Group		Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)		Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316
Halls	Ploughman Hall Chairman		Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	Ploughman Hall Bookings			07941 190849
	Wilford Furlong Centre			01954 261445
	The Octagon		Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
	Fen Edge Community Association		Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
	Cambridge Evening News Correspondent		Mr and Mrs Ingle	01954 260915
	Workers’ Educational Association		Mrs J Hodgkinson	01954 201816
	Willingham Combined Charity		Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
Clubs	Billavincea Lodge 8719		Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Gardening Club		Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club		Mrs S Hart	01954 204260
	WAMADS Drama Group		Mrs C Deeth (Secretary)	07746 555050
			Mrs J Farrer	01954 200515
	Women’s Institute		Mrs R S Slater	01954 203742
	Women’s Royal British Legion		Mrs M Few	01954 260124
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)		Claire Marston	01954 203001
	Football Club		Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Cricket Club		Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey		Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton		Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Keep Fit		Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496
	Step Aerobics		Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club		Mrs E Halkworth	01954 201830
Churches	Anglican Church	Rector	Rev. Geoffrey Turner	01954 261225
	Mothers Union	Branch Leader	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Minister	Rev. Jonathon Daniel	01954 261316
	Methodist	Church Minister	Rev. Cynthia Hardiman	01954 250242
	Roman Catholic	Priest	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
	Salvation Army		Major and Mrs B Willson	01223 248351

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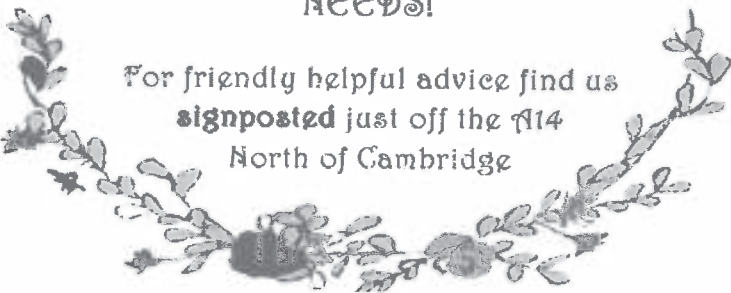
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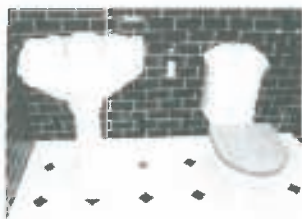
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